



Rep. Regina Lewis-Ward
District 109

Biography

Representative Regina Lewis-Ward is a native of Brooklyn, New York, and the first African American elected to represent Georgia's 109th House District.

Lewis-Ward grew up with her mother, father and siblings in New York City public housing and attended public schools. Lewis-Ward, a shop steward for the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Union (AFSME) helped protect workers' rights, while working in NY. After more than 20 years as a manager with NYC Transit, Rep. Lewis-Ward retired and relocated to Georgia.

In 2014, Lewis-Ward joined the Stockbridge City Council, secured federal funds to upgrade two public parks with adaptable playground equipment and created the first Stockbridge Citizens Academy.

Elected to the Georgia General Assembly in 2020, Rep. Lewis-Ward became a Stacey Abrams Fair Fight Action Senior Fellow to demonstrate free and fair elections for all.

As a freshman legislator, Rep. Lewis-Ward partnered with the Gordon State College Foundation to establish an empowerment scholarship for females interested in American politics. The scholarship helps address the underrepresentation of African American women in public office. Lewis-Ward also presided over the Henry County Democratic Committee, leading to two historical Democratic wins for mayoral seats in November 2021 and cosponsored House Bill 676, which was signed into law by the governor.

A chartered member of the National Council of Negro Women, Rep. Lewis-Ward, served in leadership roles throughout Henry County and worked with Georgia Tech's Enterprise Innovative Institute and Advance Technology Development Center to determine the feasibility of a technology incubator in Henry County; Clayton County Courts (CASA); Southern Crescent American Business Women's Association; League of Women Voters of Georgia; Ratify ERA Georgia; National Women in Agriculture Association; Atlanta Regional Commission-Global Panel; Metro South Association of Realtors; and former Governor Sonny Perdue's Graduation Coach Initiative. Impacts on the community were through engagement, education and events. Rep. Lewis-Ward earned a BBA in computer systems from Bernard M. Baruch College and an MA in political science from Clayton State University. She is a political science adjunct instructor and the northwest regional director for the National Organization for Women Georgia Chapter.